

IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following LISTING OF CLAIMS identifies the claims as "original", "currently amended", "cancelled", "withdrawn", "new" "previously presented", or "not entered" as the case may be. In accordance with the Rules, the text of cancelled and not entered claims is not presented.

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for controlling an electrically powered audio device operative to play a sound recording, such apparatus comprising, in combination:

a control interface adapted to interconnect the audio device to a power source so as to control operation of the audio device; and

a push-button switch remotely coupled to the control interface, the control interface and push-button switch being mutually cooperable to require continuous manual activation of a finger or thumb actuated push button on the switch by a user to connect the audio device to the power source, said push-button switch being operative to automatically disconnect said audio device from the power source in response to deactivation of said push button.

2. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the control interface comprises a pause control interface.

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 2 wherein the control interface includes a power input connection for supplying power to the audio device.

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling a audio device as defined in claim 3 wherein the power input connection comprises a power supply cord.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 4 further including a plug/receptacle assembly adapted for connection in series between a power source and the power supply cord, said push-button switch including a set of electrical contacts connected in series with a conductor of the plug/receptacle assembly.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 5 wherein the plug/receptacle assembly includes a male plug and a female receptacle.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 5 further comprising a power cord connecting the plug/receptacle assembly to the push-button switch so as to enable remote control of the plug/receptacle assembly.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the push-button switch comprises a momentary contact switch responsive to light pressure activation of the push button.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises a tape player.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises a compact disk player.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises an optical disk player.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises an audio-visual video disk player.

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus for activating an electrically powered audio device, such apparatus comprising:

a power supply cord for supplying power to the audio device;

a plug/receptacle assembly adapted for connection in series between a power source and the power supply cord; and

a manually pushable push-button switch disposed in series with a conductor of the plug/receptacle assembly, the push-button switch including a set of electrical contacts responsive to continuous manual activation of a push button by a ~~user~~ user's finger or thumb to activate the

audio device, said push-button switch being operative to automatically disconnect said audio device from the power source in response to deactivation of said push button.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein said set of electrical contacts of the push-button switch are connected in series with said conductor of the plug/receptacle assembly.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 14 including a power cord connecting the plug/receptacle assembly to the push-button switch.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the push-button switch comprises a momentary contact switch.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises a tape player.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises a compact disk player.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises an optical disk player.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises a video disk player.

21. (Currently amended) A method for marking an audio or audio-visual recording at a point where play is interrupted while being played on an audio device powered from an electrical power outlet, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) interconnecting the audio device to the electrical power outlet through a control interface selectively operable to control operation of the audio device; and

(b) coupling a manually operable push-button switch to the control interface so as to enable control of the audio device remotely from the control interface in response to activation of a push button on the switch by a user's finger or thumb such that user release of the push button effects deactivation of the push button and causes the audio device to stop play, and re-activation of the push button switch by the user's finger or thumb initiates continued play from the point of interruption of play.